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SUBJECT: IRAN: XXXXXXXXXXXX SAYS ELECTION PRECLUDED BY "POLITICAL COUP," URGES USG FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR PROTESTORS

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1. (S) Summary: XXXXXXXXXXXX on June 16 told London Iran Watcher (Poloff) and a small group of diplomats that "a majority" of leaders within
2. (S) As in the past (ref), XXXXXXXXXXXX appeared at the invitation of the Next Century Foundation (NCF), a small UK policy forum NGO enjoying Events of June 12 and Afterwards: "A Political Coup" -----
3. (S) After warning the group against any leaks of his remarks, XXXXXXXXXXXX characterized events in Iran since June 12 as a "political coup,"
4. (S) Asked for an explanation of events since June 12, XXXXXXXXXXXX gave a tense, extended narrative that closely resembled reformist narrat XXXXXXXXXXXX Version of the Views of "Traditional" Insiders -----
5. (S) Of special interest XXXXXXXXXXXX description of the perceptions of persons inside "traditional revolutionary groups." XXXXXXXXXXXX sai Where Senior Clerics Stand -----
6. (S) He also said the debates produced "an explosion" among the clergy, directed, according to XXXXXXXXXXXX, against Ahmedinejad. The late
7. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX said the ultimate denouement will be determined by interplay between the Guardian Council as it deliberates on the candida Rafsanjani Said To Be Unwilling to Tolerate A "Third Provocation" -----
8. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX repeatedly underlined what he called XXXXXXXXXXXX central role in resisting the "coup" and in backing the three aggrieved XXXXXXXXXXXX Picks the Green Folder -----
9. (S) Poloff, seated next to XXXXXXXXXXXX, offered XXXXXXXXXXXX one set apiece of Farsi language versions of President Obama's Cairo speech a XXXXXXXXXXXX Points at Jafari, Basi, and XXXXXXXXXXXX -----
10. (S) On the margins of the meeting afterwards, speaking to Poloff and to XXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXXX said IRGC commander XXXXXXXXXXXX has t Human Rights -----
11. (S) In response to points Poloff made, drawing from NSC's June 16 public guidance, on USG concern over violence, possible vote fraud, the Nuclear Engagement: "Cash for Cash" -----
12. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX asked to comment on prospects for nuclear engagement, politely but immediately dismissed the P5 1 offer as being "not bus Personal Disappointment -----
13. (S/NF) Poloff informed XXXXXXXXXXXX that, further to XXXXXXXXXXXX earlier expressions of interest at traveling to Washington to brief seni Comment -----
14. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX (ref). XXXXXXXXXXXX, whom Poloff has observed in a series of similar small group sessions since 2006 (ref), projected t Visit London's Classified Website: XXXXXXXXXXXX LONDON 00001442 004 OF 004 LeBaron